

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division Transgender Accommodation Review Committee (TARC) Report

Offender Name: [REDACTED] (Kanautica Zayre-Brown)

OPUS Number: 0618705

Facility TARC Date: review by DTARC

Division TARC Date: 2/17/2022

Names and Titles of TARC Members Present: Dr. Lewis Peiper, Behavioral Health Director; Dr. Arthur Campbell, Chief Medical Officer;
Dr. Brian Sheitman, Chief of Psychiatry; Terri Catlett, Dir. Health Services Admin; Charlotte Williams, PREA Director; Sarah Cobb, Dir. Rehabilitative Svcs;
Josh Panter, Director of Operations

Transgender Accommodation Request(s) Under Review: Gender Affirmation Surgery/ Vulvoplasty

Approved Accommodation(s):

Accommodation(s) Not Approved and Rationale:

Accommodation(s) Referred for Final Determination: DTARC does not recommend Gender Affirmation surgery. This surgery is not medically necessary.

Other:

Final Determination of Referred Accommodation(s)

The Deputy Commissioner and Director of Health and Wellness reviewed documents related to this accommodation request. After review and discussion we concur with the DTARC recommendation. The requested accommodation is not supported.

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**North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Division Transgender Accommodation Committee Report**

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Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1981	Sex: F Facility: ANSO
Date: 04/26/2022 12:00	Provider: Peiper, Lewis J Ph.D Dir. of

Comment

The following note is a summary of related input and considerations from the 2/17/2022 Division Transgender Accommodation Review Committee and concludes with a medical analysis from the Division of Prisons Medical Authority related to [REDACTED] (Kanautica Zayre-Brown, 0618705), referred to as Offender Brown and/or patient below with she/her pronouns used where applicable.

Offender Brown was admitted to prison 10/10/2017 with a current projected release date of 11/2/2024. She is currently housed at Anson CI where she was transferred from Warren CI on 8/15/2019. Offender Brown is currently assigned to Medium Custody after being promoted from Close Custody on 1/4/2022.

In response to Offender Brown's request for vaginoplasty or vulvoplasty surgery, the DTARC recommended receiving a consult from a surgical specialist experienced in performing vaginoplasty surgeries to obtain information to further evaluate treatment options and proposed course going forward. Offender Brown participated in a telehealth appointment with Kristia Vasilof from the UNC Transhealth Program as part of the initial review for consult and Katherine Croft (UNC Transhealth Program Manager) completed a telehealth consult with Offender Brown as part of the planned surgical consult with the UNC Transhealth program. An in-person consultation with Dr. Figler from the UNC Transhealth Program on 7/12/2021 indicated the patient's desire for vulvoplasty (versus vaginoplasty) and the need for weight loss from the recorded weight of 288 at the time down to a maximum of 250 with an identified weight goal of 210.

DTARC Review 2/17/2022:

Offender Brown has maintained the minimum weight goal identified by the UNC Transhealth program. Weight has been below 240 since 11/15/2021 and at the time of the DTARC was most recently (2/11) at 236. Patient is now eligible for review related to DTARC recommendation on requested vulvoplasty surgery.

Review of patient's related mental health and behavioral health record, and the baseline criteria identified by UNC Transhealth Program could make her a candidate for surgery. The patient has a well-documented, persistent transgender identity with a desire for "bottom surgery." The patient has been educated on the surgical interventions by the UNC Transhealth Program and identified a preference for a vulvoplasty if performed. The patient had completed other gender-affirming surgeries (orchiectomy, breast implants) prior to incarceration and has been on hormone replacement therapy since 2012. Mental health and behavioral health case reviews indicated no current evidence of any significant comorbid mental health issues. Patient continues to demonstrate emotional and psychological stability with evidence of adequate coping skills. The patient's mood and anxiety symptoms appear well-controlled by psychiatric interventions, however, recent progress notes from supportive counseling and therapy sessions indicate the patient has been heavily focused on the status of the final decision regarding her requested/desired surgery and experiencing related anxiety/frustrated mood.

Offender Brown has been housed in a female prison since 8/2019 and her adjustment to being housed in a female prison has been generally acceptable apart from a period of time in the fall / winter of 2020 related to reports of this offender having engaged in assaultive and extortive behavior against female offenders. Although she has largely adapted well to her current facility assignment, continued vigilance is necessary in order to ensure the offender's continued stability and to protect other offenders.

MEDICAL ANALYSIS:

This offender has received and continues to receive extensive treatment while incarcerated. As with all treatments in medicine, ongoing re-evaluations are conducted and regimens adjusted based on the clinical course, with further interventions based on findings from those reevaluations.

Medical analysis for this case included a comprehensive review of the offender's medical and behavioral health history, as well as a comprehensive literature review. When treatments are considered for any patient, the most important imperative for physicians is to base recommendations on evidence-based medicine and consideration of that information in the context of the individual patient. Although the offender has clearly communicated a desire for further

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gender-affirming surgery, there is insufficient medical evidence to indicate such a complex and irreversible surgical intervention is medically necessary for her at this time.

Based on this review, it is the determination of the medical authority that gender reassignment surgery (GRS) as requested by this offender is not medically necessary.

Co-Pay Required: No **Cosign Required:** No

Telephone/Verbal Order: No

Standing Order: No

Completed by Peiper, Lewis J Ph.D Dir. of Beh. Health on 04/26/2022 12:12

Requested to be reviewed by Dula, Jennifer L MSW Clinical Social Worker.

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